

The Informer

March 2022



A Note from Pastor Adam

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons." – Luke 15:11

What is your favorite Bible passage? Is there a story in Scripture that sticks with you, that you identify with, that you know well enough to share, unprompted, when you get the chance? There are all sorts of passages in the Bible, and all sorts of reasons to connect with different passages on deeply personal levels.



Among my favorite passages of Scripture is the story of the two sons in Luke 15, better known as the parable of the prodigal son. It's a story we all probably know, at least in part, and I grew up hearing it on occasion at church. But it didn't become a 'favorite' for me until I was in seminary and we read a book by Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. This is a close reflection on both the story from Scripture and the painting of this story by Rembrandt, and it remains one of the most personally impactful books on the spiritual life that I've ever read. Why? Because whether we are the younger son, needing to repent of wild and ungodly behavior, or the older son, needing to repent of judgmental attitudes and envy, we can all find ourselves in the story. I highly recommend it!

The reason I mention this in my newsletter article this month is that March is the beginning of Lent. Lent is the Christian season of contemplation, confession, and repentance before the great celebration of Easter Sunday. It is an invitation to reflect upon our own lives, our own actions, our own motivations and prejudices, and then seek to turn away from sinful perspectives and right the wrongs we have done.

This is important work – and work we may be highly uncomfortable doing. After all, we don't like to dwell on our failings, our blind spots, our painful choices of the past or present. We don't want to think of ourselves as being at fault, and we don't want to enter into a conversation where we might feel we should make amends. That's the sort of thing that leaves us vulnerable and exposed, and none of us like feeling vulnerable or exposed. Yet the witness of Scripture, and especially the teaching of Jesus, says that the way of repentance is what leads to salvation, and that repairing the relationships with others that are broken because of our own actions is good kingdom work that is part of our responsibility as followers of Christ.

So I want to invite you to join us between now and Easter as we take time to wrestle with our own failings, foibles, and faults. Repentance is not easy work – but it is necessary work, if we are going to faithfully follow our Lord, and if we, as a congregation, are to be the church God has called us to be.

In Christ,

Adam



Baptist Collegiate Ministries

at Longwood & Hampden Sydney

Dinner & Worship
Thursdays @ 5pm

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Collegiate Ministries

With the spring semesters in full swing at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College we were able to serve the members of the BCM during the month of February. The College Committee prepared and served the meal to the students on Thursday, February 3. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, prepare and serve!

The following Thursday evening, February 10, Pastor Adam was able to join the students again and provide the message and lesson.

We look forward to inviting the students to worship with us and serving them again soon!

Kid's Corner

On Saturday, February 4th the children, and their families, gathered at AJ's Skateworld in Appomattox for some skating fun and fellowship. At the skating rink they spent time skating, eating pizza, and playing arcade games. We look forward to the next kid's gathering on Friday night, March 18th at the church where they will learn how to knit!



Deacon's Report

With some recent life changes and relocations, Cindy Cave and Jim Davis have been assigned to families within our congregation. Please see the revised and updated Deacons family list below.

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Tim Trent	A—Bh	Jordan Whiley	Dr—E	Jim Davis	P—R
Janett Southall	Bi—Coo	Kathryn Copeland	F—L	Chuck Daniel	S—Tn
Cindy Cave	Cop—Dq	Chuck Daniel	M—O	Joyce Davis	To—Z

LIFE DEACONS

Peggy Cave, Jack Davis, Jim Davis, Joyce Davis and Gene Watson



FAMILY LUNCH

FIRST SUNDAYS
@ FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FAMILY LUNCH DIRECTLY FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING A MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.



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MARCH 2021

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27		28		1	2	3	4	5					
				Happy Birthday Bruce Dunn Church Office CLOSED for Digital Workshop at Heritage 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 6:00pm : Ash Wednesday Service		Happy Birthday Margaret Ann Hargrove						
6	Happy Birthday Mary Stanley 9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11:00am-Worship Service First Sunday of Lent 12:15pm-First Sunday's Lunch	7	Happy Birthday Stephen Carter, Liz Chassey, & Annie Snooddy 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	8	Happy Birthday Crystal Paulette, Dr. Gordon & H.A. Saxtan 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Virtual Bible Study	9	Happy Birthday Cadance Tyler	10	Happy Birthday Joyce Eggleston	11		12	
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				Happy Birthday Emmalee Klein 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	Happy Birthday Bobby Huskey & Jonathan Tyler 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study		Happy Birthday Penny Agee						
20		21		22	23	24	25	26					
				Happy Birthday Carter Swansberg 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	Happy Birthday Maxwell Arauz, Jr. 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	Happy Birthday Kim Yeatts & Patrick Watson	Happy Birthday Kid's Knit Night at FBC 6:00pm : Virtual Devotions	9:00am-12:00pm : COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at FBC					
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				Happy Birthday Carter Swansberg 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	Happy Birthday Patt Trent 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	Happy Birthday Gene Watson & Anna Wieder Church Office CLOSED 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	Happy Birthday Virtual Devotions	Happy Birthday Virtual Devotions					

Notes:



bridal luncheon

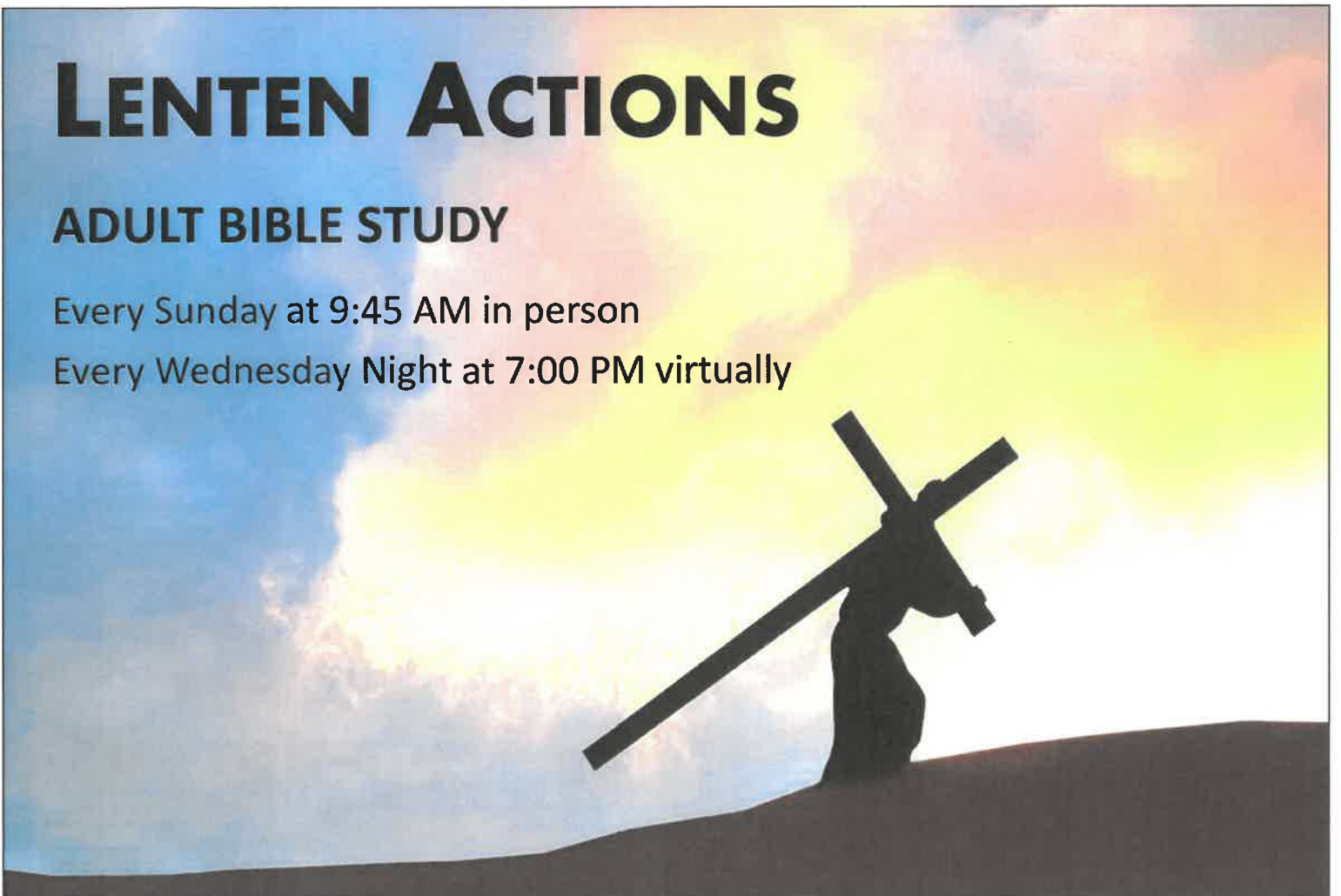
JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING
ERIN COPELAND
SUNDAY **27** MARCH
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
132 N. MAIN STREET — FARMVILLE, VA
PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO THE CHURCH OFFICE



**Children's
Knit Night**

March 18, 2022
6:00 PM

FBC children,
and friends,
are invited to
fellowship for dinner
and a Knit Night!
Following dinner the
children will have a
demonstration and then knit a
scarf, by hand! There will also be a few other
activities they can do that evening.



LENTEN ACTIONS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday at 9:45 AM in person
Every Wednesday Night at 7:00 PM virtually



COVID-19 Vaccines Are Headed Your Way!

Upcoming Mobile Clinic

The Virginia Department of Health and supporting partners are hosting a series of mobile vaccination clinics across the state. Free COVID-19 vaccines are available for adults and children 5 and older at convenient times and locations.



Date:

March 19, 2022

Time:

9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Location:

Farmville Baptist Church (in the rear of Pairet's)
132 N. Main Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Doses Available:

First, second, third, booster and kids doses are available. People who are immunocompromised may receive a third dose.

Is It Time for Your Booster Dose?

- If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you are eligible **two months** after your primary dose.
- If you are 12 and older, and received either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, you are eligible **five months** after your second shot.

Appointments:

Walk-ins are welcome for everyone, including children 5 and older, but appointments are strongly recommended to avoid having to wait.



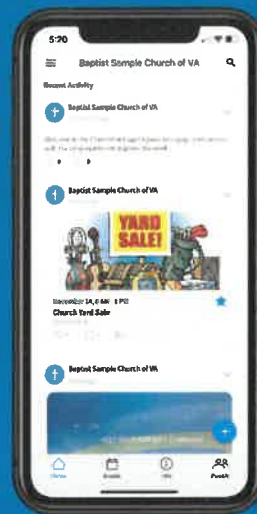
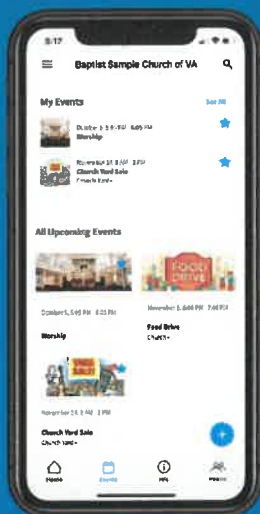
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Try our new smartphone/tablet app!

Through our partnership with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, we have access to Church App, a smart device app for churches. This app gives us a way to communicate with our congregation, stay in touch, share ideas, and highlight church ministries. If you have a smartphone or tablet, please follow the directions below to install the app and help us as we determine if this is a tool that will be helpful for our church over the next three months during our trial period.

Scan a QR Code below to Download the app for Farmville Baptist Church.



Open the app and search for 'Farmville Baptist Church', then create an account to stay up to date with what is going on at our church!



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How to Participate in Lent

Lent is a season of repentance and spiritual preparation as we head towards Easter. Like most spiritual practices, Lent is a time that can help us grow closer to Jesus and understand God's call and work in our lives.

Here are some suggested practices to help you experience Lent and grow in a repentant faith:

Pray: Prayer is at the center of any time of spiritual reflection. Many good aids to prayer are available. One helpful option is to have a simple daily prayer to start the day. An online resource to help is the Moravian Daily Texts. We will post these texts on our Church App each morning during Lent, but you can find them yourself (and sign up to receive them in your e-mail) at www.moravian.org/daily_texts/

Fast: One of the things that keeps us from hearing and connecting with God is having a life filled with other things, perhaps drowning out God's voice or keeping us from appreciating our need for God. The ancient practice of fasting is one Jesus both did and taught, and it can be a useful tool to help us connect more deeply with God. Perhaps during Lent choosing to fast from a particular meal each week and using that time to pray or read Scripture would help you to grow in your faith or hear God speak better.

Give: A growing and vibrant faith is one that also understands the importance of sacrifice. The ancient Israelites did this through the sacrificial gifts of animals and produce. For us, sacrificial giving primarily involves money. Prayerfully consider this Lenten season how you can use the money God has entrusted to you to serve his kingdom. Consider a sacrificial gift to our church as an act of devotion as we and our mission partners seek to do God's work in our community and beyond.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in-person in the Church Parlor
March 6	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual First Sunday of Lent Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
March 6	12:15 PM	First Sunday's Family Lunch directly following Worship in FBC Fellowship Hall
March 9	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
March 13	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in-person in the Church Parlor
March 13	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom Mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
March 16	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
March 18	6:00 PM	Kid's Knit Night at FBC
March 19	9:00 AM	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at FBC
March 20	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in-person in the Church Parlor
March 20	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Third Sunday of Lent Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
March 23	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
March 27	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in-person in the Church Parlor
March 27	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
March 27	12:15 PM	Bridal Luncheon honoring Erin Copeland in FBC Fellowship Hall
March 30	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
April 3	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in-person in the Church Parlor
April 3	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Fourth Sunday of Lent Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
April 3	12:15 PM	First Sunday's Family Lunch directly following Worship in Church Fellowship Hall
April 6	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
April 7	7:00 PM	Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom

Monthly Financial Report Through February 28, 2022	February Receipts	\$10,118.00
	YTD Receipts	\$24,768.00
	YTD Budget Needs	\$32,000.00
	February Expenditures	\$14,786.10
	YTD Expenditures	\$25,425.67

Remember you can also stay informed by following our Social Media Pages, and by checking the church website calendar!

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